

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1545 - SB 1324

March 25, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “qualified health plan” and “qualified individual” in relation to a licensed insurer selling health plans in the individual insurance market. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance to implement procedures for the certification, recertification, and decertification of health benefit plans as qualified health plans. Requires the Department to certify health plans as qualified health plans if the health carrier is licensed and in good standing in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): Such legislation will not result in a significant increase in the cost of health insurance premiums.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI), the Department will add a certification status to the existing electronic system for filing insurance forms, and certification will thereby be provided electronically.
- Based upon information provided by TDCI, any cost in adding the certification status to the electronic system can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Private health insurance impact: There will not be a significant fiscal impact for health benefit plans to apply and receive certification. Any cost incurred will not be significant enough to shift to enrollees through an increase in premiums.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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